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**HARRIS NAMED ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER OF THE YEAR  
BY NORTH CAROLINA CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

NEWTON, N.C. – Catawba County Assistant Manager Dewey Harris was named the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA) Assistant Manager of the Year at the association's annual meeting June 25 in Asheville, N.C.

The NCCCMA annually recognizes outstanding contributions to the local government management profession. The Assistant Manager of the Year honors a local government professional who has demonstrated excellent performance and leadership in this role.

"This award reminds me that we don't accomplish much alone," said Harris. "I've had the good fortune of working with terrific staff and elected officials in a wonderful community. This award recognizes that we can do a lot working together, so it really represents a collaborative effort."

"Over the past eight years, Dewey has contributed greatly to Catawba County, its workforce and its citizens," said County Manager Tom Lundy, who nominated Harris for the award. "He is extremely gifted in the area of developing interpersonal relationships, always being available to talk to employees, citizens, or an elected official who needs his time. He is also an outstanding example and mentor to aspiring young professionals inside and outside Catawba County Government."

Harris began working for Catawba County as Assistant County Manager in August 2008 after serving as Director of the Community Services Department and Interim Assistant City Manager in Wilmington, North Carolina. He currently coordinates oversight of the County's Social Services, Emergency Services, and Planning and Parks departments and the County's state and federal legislative advocacy program.

During his time in Catawba County, Harris has worked with various teams on such projects as the new Sherrills Ford branch of the County Library, development of a Leadership Academy for county professionals, creation of a "Manufacturing Works" forum to help align employer needs with resources in the county, and expansion of the Public Health dental practice among other accomplishments. He is past president of the Catawba Valley Rotary Club and presently serves on the Hickory Public Schools Education Foundation and the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Discussion Group. He is also a past member of the Boards of Directors for the United Arts Council and Hickory Museum of Art.

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